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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 4535.3A

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: VENDING FACILITY PROGRAM FOR THE BLIND ON FEDERAL  
PROPERTY

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 1125.3, CH 1 of 22 Aug 91

1. Purpose. To implement the provisions of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stand Act as provided in reference (a). This Instruction contains administrative revisions only and is being issued until reference (a) is revised. At that time, this Instruction will be updated and reissued. This Instruction has been administratively revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 4535.3.

3. Applicability. The provisions of this Instruction are applicable to all Naval and Marine Corps activities in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

4. Background. The Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stand Act requires the establishment of a vending facility program for the blind on Federal property. The scope of the program was significantly expanded by the 1974 amendments which specifically provided State agencies for the blind a priority right to operate vending facilities; directed that a portion of net income from some vending machines be shared with State blind agencies; and, established requirements for the construction of blind vending stands in certain newly constructed or renovated buildings.

5. Responsibilities

a. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) [ASN(M&RA)] will monitor the overall Department of the Navy program.

b. In monitoring the Department of the Navy program, ASN(M&RA) will consult with the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) on all determinations:

(1) That the granting of a priority to the blind would be adverse to the interests of the United States, and

(2) To suspend or terminate a permit to operate a vending facility.

c. The following actions will not be taken without the prior written approval of the ASN (M&RA):

(1) Disapproval of a State licensing agency application for permits and satisfactory sites;

(2) A final determination that the granting of a priority to the blind would be adverse to the interests of the United States;

(3) Suspension or termination of a permit issued to a State licensing agency and termination of contracts to operate a cafeteria, and

(4) Awarding of a contract for the operation of a cafeteria to:

(a) An offeror other than a State licensing agency if the latter has submitted a proposal after formal solicitation, or

(b) A State licensing agency after direct negotiations.

d. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) will take action as necessary to implement the provisions of this Instruction and reference (a).

e. The CNO and CMC are delegated the authority to approve applications submitted by State licensing agencies for permits and satisfactory sites.

f. The CNO and CMC will advise the ASN (M&RA) of the point of contact designated to administer the program within their respective military Service.

## 6. Reports

a. Within 75 days after the end of each fiscal year, the CNO and CMC shall forward to the ASN (M&RA) the total number of applications for vending facility locations received from State licensing agencies, the number approved, the number denied, the number still pending, the total amount of vending machine income collected (as defined in enclosure (1) of DODD 1125.3, excluding income exempt from the income sharing requirements by paragraph E2.1.5.3., enclosure (2) of DODD 1125.3), and the amount of such vending machine income disbursed to State licensing agencies in each State. These reporting requirements have been assigned Inter-agency Report Control Number 1270.ED-AN.

b. The CNO and CMC will be prepared to provide upon request the number of current blind vending facilities, their locations, and the date each was established.

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